IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

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For

DETECTING SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN

CONTAINERS USING HIGH-ENERGY GAMMA

RAYS EMITTED BY FISSION PRODUCTS

Examiner

Palabrica

Group Art Unit:

3663

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 10, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby file an RCE (Request for Continuing Examination) and respectfully request consideration of the amendments contained herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.